

Powerful Pathways to Mindful Learning

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Featuring... SMARTLearning in Action

THURSDAY, October 24, 2013

- Learning Rounds facilitated by SD67 Demonstration Teachers in K-8 Classrooms (French Teachers Welcome)
 - Each classroom will be limited to 15 observers
- REGISTER EARLY**

Held at various SD67 schools on Thursday

FRIDAY, October 25, 2013

- Opening & Closing Address by Susan Close (Founder of SMARTLearning). "The Power of Mindful Learning: What really matters?" Five practices that together kindle energy, and develop thoughtful interactions, powerful thinking, deep learning and self-regulation in all learners.

■ Topic Specific Breakout Sessions:

These sessions will work in grade groups. All sessions will discuss the process, sequences, new tools, independent work, word work and assessment.

1. Begin your SMARTLearning Experience:

Are you interested in learning or reviewing the basics of SMARTLearning?
This session will introduce the process and all other aspects including sequence work, tools, word work, independent work and assessment.

2. Polish your SMARTLearning Practice:

Are you implementing parts of SMARTLearning but want to deepen your practice?
This session will take a deeper look at the process, sequence building, new tools, word work, independent work and assessment.

3. Advance your Practice:

Are you fully implementing SMARTLearning in your classroom?
This session will focus on detailed SMARTLearning sequences to scaffold skills over time.

4. Lead for Mindful Practice:

What makes the biggest difference?
This session is for those who lead and support the process in their school/district.

5. Begin the process in French Immersion:

How do you start? Is it applicable?
This session looks at the process, building vocabulary and developing thinking in French from the beginning.

Held at KVR Middle School on Friday

Registration Opens - JUNE 27, 2013

Download the registration forms at www.SMARTLearning.ca or www.sd67.bc.ca

For additional information, please email MaryAnn McLean, District Literacy Helping Teacher at mmclean@summer.com



SMARTLearning Two Day Institute
October 24 & 25, 2013



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Time: 8:15am - 3:00pm (refreshments and lunch provided)

Choice of One (1) Demonstration Class:

W1	Grade K and Grade 1	Location: School - To be Announced
W2	Grade 2	Location: School - To be Announced
W3	Grade 3	Location: School - To be Announced
W4	Grade 4/5	Location: School - To be Announced
W5	Middle School	Location: School - To be Announced
W6	French Immersion	Location: School - To be Announced

Questions - please email MaryAnn McLean, Institute Coordinator
at mmclean@summer.com

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FRIDAY, October 25, 2013

Time: 8:30am - 3:00pm (refreshments and lunch provided)

Location: All Day at KVR Middle School

300 Jermyn Avenue, Penticton, BC

Sessions

8:30 am - 8:55 am

Registration

8:55 am - 9:00 am

Door Prizes

9:00 am - 10:00 am

KEYNOTE Address Presented by: *Susan Close*

The Power in Mindful Learning: What really matters?

Five practices that together kindle energy, and develop thoughtful interactions, powerful thinking, deep learning and self-regulation in all learners.

In this keynote address Susan Close will highlight five practices in the SMART Learning approach that together kindle the power in mindful learning. Emerging trends from the recent international study of SMART Learning will be featured. Participants will receive a sampling of tools from *'SMART Thinking Tools: processes for powerful learning'*. These tools develop thoughtful interactions and mindful learning with learners of all ages.

10:00 am - 10:30 am

Brain Break (Refreshments)

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sessions - Each Session runs all day

12:00 pm - 12:45 pm

Lunch

12:45 pm - 3:00 pm

Sessions - Morning Sessions continued

3:00 pm

Door Prizes



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FULL DAY Sessions

S1

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S2

Polish Your SMARTLearning Practice:

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S3

Advance your Practice:

Are you fully implementing SMARTLearning in your classroom?

This session will focus on detailed SMARTLearning sequences to scaffold skills over time.

S4

Leading for Mindful Practice:

What makes the biggest difference?

This session is for those who lead and support the process in their school/district.

S5

Begin the process in French Immersion:

How do you start? Is it applicable?

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FULL DAY

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Bio's

Dana Balfour

Dana has been a teacher in the SD67 for the last seven years. She has also taught in Surrey and internationally, where she received her Masters in International Education. She was inspired by the SMART Learning process as soon as she observed a demo in the Okanagan and has been dabbling with it throughout Grades 2 to 5 ever since. Dana has facilitated at two conferences, and did a demonstration in the 2012-13 year. She has also enjoyed being a part of the recent SMART Learning Action Research Project. Dana is a member of the SMART Learning Steering committee.

Carol Barton

Carol is a teacher at Giant's Head Elementary teaching in the intermediate grades. She has been a part of the SMART Learning Steering Committee and has opened her class to demonstrations and learning rounds. Carol was a participant in the 2012-13 SMART Learning Action Research Project. Carol has also taken SMART Learning with her in her teaching work in Haiti.

Anita Berekoff

Anita Berekoff is a Kindergarten Teacher at Giant's Head Elementary. A member of the SMART Learning Steering Committee for many years, she has been a SMART Learning demonstration teacher, facilitator and mentor for teachers in SD67, British Columbia and Alberta.

Carolyn Buzikievich

Carolyn is a primary teacher at Uplands Elementary. She has been doing SMART Learning for several years and has opened the doors of her classroom for SMART Learning demonstrations and learning rounds for the last two years. Carolyn was a participant in the SMART Learning Action Research Project this year. Carolyn is a member of the SMART Learning Steering committee.

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Susan Close

Susan is the founder of SMARTLearning, and has been leading SMARTLearning initiatives since retiring as Asst. Superintendent in SD40, in 2007. Susan is often seen side-by-side with SMARTLearning trainers, educators with deep experience implementing and studying the effects of SMARTLearning. Together they design ways to use SMARTLearning to achieve classroom, school, and district goals. Susan and the trainers lead SMARTLearning initiatives that include a combination of workshops, and classroom-based learning rounds. The workshops showcase the thinking behind signature practices, and feature learning tools designed to develop deep understanding of text. Learning rounds are planned with specific goals in mind, and involve co-planning and co-teaching of learning sequences. Sets of learning sequences designed to support teachers as they work to implement SMARTLearning are currently being prepared for publication. A tool-kit of SMARTLearning tools will also be published in the fall of 2013.

Scott Edwards

Scott Edwards is currently a principal whose best part of his job continues to be the two blocks he gets to teach each day. He has been a middle school teacher for 12 years and an elementary teacher for the past six years. Scott loves the SMARTLearning principles because they form a flexible framework that assist teachers in creating engaging lessons that promote deep thinking and quality student work.

Ashley Frketich

Ashley is a primary French Immersion teacher in SD61 (Greater Victoria) who has worked with learners in primary and intermediate grades. She has applied the principles and practices of SMARTLearning for a number of years and in 2012 completed a Masters of Education degree in curriculum with a focus on vocabulary acquisition using A/B partners. In 2012-13, Ashley participated in the international study of SMARTLearning and enjoys sharing her findings with colleagues. Ashley is currently on maternity leave with her second child.

Tammy Kay

Tammy Kay is a Grade 4/5 teacher at West Bench Elementary with previous experience at the middle school level. Tammy has been a demonstration teacher, facilitator, and leader of SMARTLearning rounds for many years. She has been particularly interested in visual thinking and how research fuels the process. Tammy has recently become the SMARTLearning Helping teacher for SD67.

Paul Kopf

Paul Kopf is a Grade 1 teacher in SD67. He is part of the SMARTLearning Steering committee and has been involved with SMARTLearning for seven years. He is a demonstration teacher, presenter and mentor for SD67.

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Bev Krieger

Bev was a SMARTLearning demonstration teacher for many years in SD67 before she retired two years ago. Since her "retirement" she has been facilitating SMARTLearning workshops as well as demonstrating SMARTLearning in classrooms throughout British Columbia, Alberta, the Northwest Territories, and the Yukon. She enjoys working with and learning from Susan Close, and has recently finished writing a series of sequences that intentionally scaffold skills over a school year. Also a trained Inquiry facilitator, Bev continues to lead teacher Inquiries into SMARTLearning, and especially enjoyed working with the 2012-13 SMARTLearning Action Research Project.

MaryAnn McLean

MaryAnn is a primary teacher who has been a SMARTLearning demonstration teacher, facilitator, mentor and member of the SMARTLearning Steering Committee for many years in School District No. 67. She has facilitated SMARTLearning workshops and demonstrates SMARTLearning in classrooms around British Columbia and in the Northwest Territories. She has been involved in several SMARTLearning Inquiry groups over the years. MaryAnn has been the SMARTLearning helping teacher in SD67 for the last two years. This past year, she facilitated the 2012-13 International SMARTLearning Action Research Project for the Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (ASK) in SD67. MaryAnn retired this year but is still actively involved the SMARTLearning Community.

Judy Street

Judy Street is a primary teacher in Penticton. She has been part of the SMARTLearning team since it first came to SD67. As part of the team, Judy has opened her classroom for demonstrations and acted as a mentor/facilitator for teachers in Penticton, as well as other districts in British Columbia and Alberta. Judy has been a part of several SMARTLearning inquiries and recently the Action research project for Assessment of skills and knowledge.

Betty-Ann Xenis

Betty-Ann used SMARTLearning in her primary classroom for many years before she retired last year. She has been a demonstration teacher, workshop leader, and a member of the SD67 SMARTLearning Steering Committee. She has also worked with the inquiry process in SMARTLearning. She is continually inspired by working with Susan Close and the dedicated team of teachers in SD67. Her particular interests are using SMARTLearning in developmentally appropriate ways in early primary grades, exploring new "doorways" to encourage teachers to use SMARTLearning in their classrooms, and finding ways to use social media to create communities of learners among both teachers and students.

★ REGISTRATION FORM

Please Register Early as Registration is Limited.

OCTOBER 24 & 25, 2013



There is NO cost for School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) staff.

ONE DAY

Includes GST

Early Bird Registration postmarked by: September 15, 2013 **\$150.**

Regular Registration postmarked by: October 15, 2013 **\$175.**

TWO DAY

Includes GST

Early Bird Registration postmarked by: September 15, 2013 **\$275.**

Regular Registration postmarked by: October 15, 2013 **\$325.**

WORKSHOP SELECTIONS:

Please circle the session of your choice(s) below:

THURSDAY, October 24th

My One Choice is:

W1

W2

W3

W4

W5

W6

FRIDAY, October 25th

My One Choice is:

S1

S2

S3

S4

S5

TOTAL COST (Includes GST): \$ _____

PAYMENT: Cheques only. Payable to School District No. 67

MAIL CHEQUE
and REGISTRATION TO:

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
SMARTLearning in Action (Attn: Jane Owen)
425 Jermyn Avenue, Penticton, BC V2A 1Z4

REFUND POLICY: A refund (less \$50.00) will be issued before October 11, 2013.
Sorry: No refunds after October 11, 2013.

School District No. _____ or Organization: _____

Name: _____

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Position: _____

Email: _____ Mailing Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Accommodation: The Penticton Lakeside Resort & Conference Centre
21 Lakeshore Drive, W. Penticton, BC V2A 7M5.

Special Room Rates: \$89 - \$99. (plus taxes - parking \$5./day/vehicle) until August 23, 2013.

Toll Free: 1-800-663-9400 Hotel Website: www.rpbhotels.com

Email: lakeside@rpbhotels.com or Fax: 1- (250) 493-0607

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